

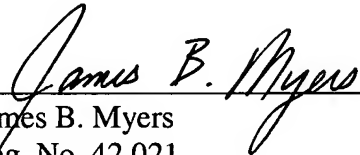
REMARKS

Entry of the above amendments prior to examination of this application are respectfully requested. The International Application contains claims 1-22 pending after the Response to the Written Opinion. In this submission, claims 1-22 have been cancelled and new claims 23-43 have been submitted. Upon entry of the amendments, this application will contain claims 23-43 pending and under consideration. The filing fee is based upon the number of claims after entry of this submission.

A copy of an Abstract is appended to this response. Support for this Abstract can be found on the front page of the parent PCT publication WO2004/020089.

It is believed that the claimed invention is patentable and request timely consideration leading to allowance of all pending claims. The Examiner is invited to telephone the undersigned attorney if there are any questions about this submission or other matters, which may be addressed in that fashion.

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Abstract

Disclosed is an adsorbing material (1), particularly for producing protective suits, comprising an especially planar supporting material (2), an at least substantially air-impermeable, steam-permeable barrier layer (3), and an adsorbing layer (4). The barrier layer (3) is applied to the supporting material (2) and is used as an adhesive layer for the adsorbing layer (4) that is disposed on the face of the barrier layer (3), which lies opposite the supporting material (2). The barrier layer (3) is provided with a steam permeability of at least 20 l/m² per 24 h at 25 °C and at a thickness of 50 μm.